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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, from November 25, 2003 up to and including February 20, 2004 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.36(a) in order to maintain pendency. A divisional application is being filed herewith in lieu of a Response to Office Action mailed August 25, 2003 in the above-identified application.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed for the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference IPT-012.01.

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